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Via ECF

Honorable Valerie E. Caproni  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
40 Foley Square  
New York, New York 10007

*Re: U.S. v. Watson, et al., 19 Cr. 212 (VEC)*  
*Request for Substitution of Counsel for Karl Duncan*

Dear Judge Caproni:

I represent Mr. Duncan in the above referenced matter. Mr. Duncan was arrested on March 28, 2019 and granted bail. On April 4, 2019, we appeared before Your Honor for his arraignment on the indictment and the government appealed the Magistrate Judge's release on bail with conditions. Subsequent to a hearing before Your Honor, detention was ordered after the Court found Mr. Duncan to be a danger to the community in light of the fact that he was on probation during the period alleged in the conspiracy, the seizure of bullets in the place of his arrest, his prior criminal history and among other things, the nature of the charges. Mr. Duncan was dissatisfied with the Court's decision and felt I had not done enough for him and immediately requested substitution of counsel. The Court suggested I meet with Mr. Duncan which I did on April 8, 2019. Mr. Duncan has asked me to inform the Court that he would like to have a new attorney to represent him.

I respectfully ask that the Court schedule an appearance to address Mr. Duncan's request as soon as it is convenient. Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully,

/s/

Natali Todd, Esq.